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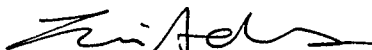
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.